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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

This is a response to the Office Action dated June 5, 2002 the date for reply having been extended by payment of the fee. Please amend the above-identified application and consider the remarks as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please insert the following new paragraph on page 1, after the title and before the heading entitled "FIELD OF THE INVENTION:"

This application claims the benefit of priority, under 35 U.S.C. §119(e), to United States provisional application Serial No. 60/268,202, filed February 12, 2001.

Please replace the second paragraph on page 4 with the following:

The methods of the present invention use a VEGF responsive HeLa cell line which is stably transfected with 1) a reporter vector having an expressible reporter element and a DNA binding element disposed adjacent thereto, preferably the reporter vector includes a gene